



2023 U.S. Kids Golf Red White & Blue Invitational

Pinehurst No. 8 – Local Rules

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, U.S. Kids Golf Rules and Regulations, and the following Local Rules:

RULES/TOURNAMENT HOTLINE: If, during your round, you are in need of a ruling or rules official assistance, please call the tournament hotline at **910-420-0382**. Cell phones may **ONLY** be used by a player or caddie to **1)** access tournament information, **2)** obtain yardages via GPS, **3)** contact the rules hotline, **4)** live scoring, or **5)** in emergency situations. Cell phones may not be used for any other purposes.

SANDY AREAS: Sandy areas completely enclosed by sod are considered **bunkers**. Any sandy/natural areas that are not completely enclosed by sod are deemed to be in the general area (waste areas). These sandy areas are not bunkers, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: there is no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.

OUT OF BOUNDS: There is no out of bounds on the golf course.

ROADS AND PATHS: Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course (no relief). Any white lined areas tying into roads or paths are deemed to be part of the same cart path obstruction.

CLUB HOUSE & BRICK PATH: The brick path, club house, and shrubbery beds behind #18 green are deemed to be immovable obstructions from which play is prohibited. **A competitor must use the nearest drop zone on either side of the green.**

PENALTY AREAS / DROPPING ZONE: Hole #15 – For a ball in the penalty area on left side of the cart path, which crosses the margin of the penalty area between the blue stakes, an optional drop zone is provided right of the cart path and short of the green.

EDGING GROOVES – If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around the putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of intended swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed in the nearest position to where it lay that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the condition whether on or off the putting green.

MODEL LOCAL RULE F-5 – FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN: For a ball in the General Area, the player may take relief (drop a ball at the nearest point of relief and one club-length, no closer to the hole) under rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is “on the line of play” and is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

MLR I-1.2 – Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on designated practice areas. On an official tournament round day, a player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

MLR L-1: In the event a player returns their scorecard without player or marker certification, the penalty will be two strokes.